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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: NIS Committee Control Procedures

1. In answer to your question regarding the control on Chapter I, NIS 39A (Communist China), I find that State, Army, and ORR/D/GG had all placed control statements on their contributions to that chapter. State and Army controlled only those portions of their contributions dealing with "Comments on Principal Sources," but the ORR/D/GG contribution (Section 19 - Map and Chart Appraisal) was controlled in its entirety because the Army Map Service contribution to that section was controlled. Since the producing agency is charged specifically with responsibility for applying controls on its NIS contributions under policies established by the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee (MIC 206/29), control on Chapter I, NIS 39A (Communist China) was unavoidable.

2. With respect to this control problem I have repeatedly impressed upon the NIS Committee members the need for holding controls on NIS materials to an absolute minimum, and I have operated on the assumption that their respective agencies are following that policy. So long as each agency has the final control responsibility for its intelligence, I can see no alternative that would not jeopardize the cooperative atmosphere of NIS Committee relationships.

3. I have also refrained from pressing the control issue because in forcing him to remove controls the contributor generally resorts to sanitizing his contributions, with the resulting loss in intelligence values. Our Committee policy is, therefore, to have each agency put all relevant material into its NIS contributions and realistically control the product in accordance with the provisions of MIC 206/29.

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